



If you have a mine to sell, or to bond, or if you know of a desirable mining property that is for sale, please write to or call upon the mining editor of the Arizona Republican.

#### RANDSBURG MINES.

Capt. Henry Steere of the Southern Pacific, who has been in the Randsburg district several months, was interviewed by a Los Angeles Times reporter recently. He gives some interesting facts regarding the mining industry at that place, and though speaking conservatively, he predicts a flattering future for the camp. Seventy-five stamp mills are now running continuously, night and day, there, and 200 head of horses are employed in hauling ore to Johannesburg, Garlock and Cuddebach Lake. Capital has begun to take hold of the industry slowly, but surely, and during the past three or four months there has been a notable increase of activity in the development of the mines. During the past sixty days much assessment work has been done by claim holders and although the camp may lose some of its lustre during the next thirty days, work will begin in earnest again in February. The output of the mines has been very satisfactory and has been steadily improving since July.

Capt. Steere says there is no need to go to Klondike, as there is paying ore at Randsburg and plenty of it. He thinks it a good place for a miner with a limited amount of capital to go, as the entire desert region is full of mineral and will yet be developed. Very little systematic development of the mineral has been done, as the majority of the miners were inexperienced and work has been of the crudest kind, but they have been taking paying dirt from the top of the ground to the bottom of their shafts. Many of them are now putting in hoisting engines and other machinery. A great drawback at present is scarcity of water, and it is being hauled seven miles to the camps, but from careful inquiries made by him, Capt. Steere believes that an ample amount can be obtained. All that is needed is a small amount of capital to develop and pipe the water to where it is needed. Indications show that the supply can be increased indefinitely.

The railroad recently built to Johannesburg will greatly aid the mining industry, as it will enable the transportation of heavier machinery, and as soon as mills are put in that can handle ore running from \$5 per ton up, the camps will boom in earnest.

A few days before his return from the camps Capt. Steere was informed by Mr. Wores of the Johannesburg Sampling works that on going to his office in the morning he found a miner awaiting him with a string of burros. He unloaded five sacks averaging about one hundred pounds to the sack of free milling gold in granite rock. Mr. Wores made an assay of the ore and paid the miner \$1,500 for the 500 pounds. He had his camping outfit with him, but preferred keeping the location of his claim secret, saying he would go back to it in a few days and return with a ton of the rock. This lot was, of course, above the average, but it shows the richness of the strikes made in some cases.

#### GREAT SHOWING OF COPPER.

A. W. Tennant, a pioneer miner of the southwest, recently exhibited in Denver some remarkable copper specimens from a mine located about forty miles southeast of Taos, N. M. Quite a large portion of the ore is in the form of copper nuggets, resembling solid gray copper or steel galena, running 55 to 90 per cent copper. Mr. Tennant says there are six parallel veins, over two miles in length, and all included in a width of 500 feet. The veins they are now working is four and one-half feet wide at a depth of 340 feet, 215 feet below the water level. It is a true fissure, with a dip of twelve feet in 100, and the nugget copper all appears below water level. Above water line the ore varies, running from 1 to 6 per cent, but after striking the water line its value increases rapidly.

Near this wonderful deposit flows Coyote river, and the Mexicans have a legend that the mine was worked more than 200 years ago and malleable copper taken out in large quantities. The old and primitive workings are visible all around there. Shipments more recently made of this nugget copper returned by the carload: One lot of 20 tons, 52 per cent; one car, 55 per cent; one, 57 per cent; and one, 63 per cent. Some of the nuggets weigh several hundred pounds each. The veins appear to lie between a kind of lime shale on one side, broken and confused, and a true, even wall on the other side of porphyry. Mr. Tennant thinks it the greatest copper showing for the development in the world. He is confident of marvelous results below the water line. Great hoisting works, immense pump, matte smelter, and other improvements are to equip the property as soon as possible.

#### NUGGETS FROM THE HILLS.

A block of onyx weighing 9,500 pounds was brought to Prescott from the Big Bug quarries Sunday for shipment east.

A. A. Wadsworth of Tempe passed through Florence to Riverside last week. He was looking into his mining properties.

James Brash, who was at Florence

last week, reports mining matters south of Crittenden as being in a flourishing condition.

Courtesy Surveyor Coutzen left Tucson Tuesday for the San Carlos reservation to commence the re-survey of the line segregating the Deer Creek coal fields.

C. A. Greenlaw of Flagstaff received a letter from his brother, Eb, who is in Alaska, who says he is waiting for the Copper river to freeze before commencing fortune procuring operations.

For the next thirty days a large amount of mining location work will be done, as the locators, to show good faith, are required to do work on each of their new locations before recording claims.—Star.

Capt. J. H. Tevis came in from Bowie Tuesday morning and returned the same night. He stated that his business interests in Bowie and mining interests near there demanded his personal attention for the present at least.—Star.

Messrs. VanKuren and George Williams returned Monday from the Papago mining district where they located the Jumbo mining claim, near to and adjoining the Montezuma mine. They have a good showing of lead and silver specimens which they brought in which return a value of over \$40 per ton in lead and silver. They have put a force of men at work with a view of extracting a ton of ore for treatment to test the mill or smelter value.

Dr. P. B. Purcell came in this morning from his mining district. He brought with him about three tons of the finest chloride ore that has been brought into the city for a long time. It is very pretty and will sample 700 ounces in silver and 40 per cent lead with a trace of gold. Some pieces of the ore, the doctor estimates, will go as high as 2,000 ounces in silver. This ore was taken from the Windup mine in the above district at a depth of about ten feet. As the mine is being opened up the pay streak in the ledge, which is all the way from twelve to eighteen inches in width, continues to widen out and the ore continues to grow richer. This is one of the best strikes which has been made in southern Arizona for a long time.—Tucson Citizen.

Mr. B. B. Demure of Casa Grande is authority for the statement that the old J. D. Walker mine, known now as the Vekol mine in the Casa Grande mining district has been taken hold of by a new company and they are now putting the machinery in place for treating the ore by a new electrical process, which is yet unknown in Arizona. The machine is a product of the Fort Wayne Gold and Silver Extracting company. Mr. F. A. Rider is superintending the construction of the plant. The process is a new idea and the owners expect to realize good results from it. The above mine has been closed down since 1894 and much interest is being taken in the developments. It is said that over a million dollars in silver have been taken from the mine in the past and that it is still good for another million.—Tucson Citizen.

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Dated December 22, 1897.

C. W. CROUSE, Clerk.  
By W. S. SCOTT, Deputy Clerk.  
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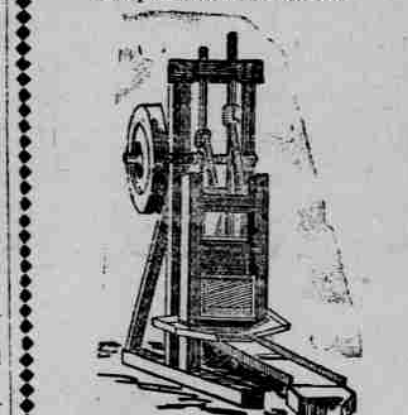
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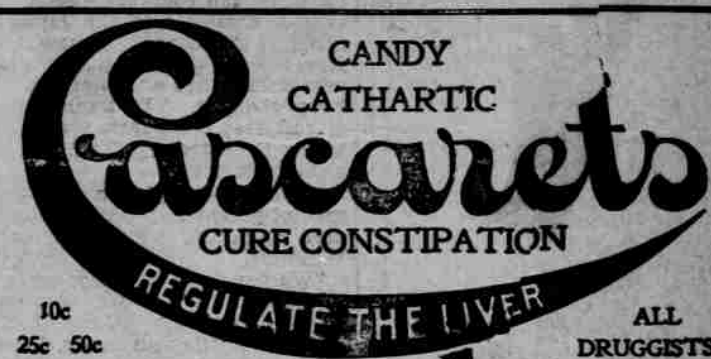
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